



## Winter in the Carpathian Mountains

### ROMANIA

On this equestrian adventure in Romania, immerse yourself in the unspoiled natural beauty of the **Carpathian Mountains**. Bundle up in your coat and ride trails that wind through **rolling hills** and **meadows** blanketed in – hopefully! - **powdery snow**. This holiday promises an intimate encounter with Romanian history as you explore **medieval villages** and the charming towns of **Brasov** and **Sibiu**. After a day of exploration, relax in the snug guesthouse, where you can also enjoy a glass of local wine or brandy. Please note: although snow fall in this area of Romania is generally good in January/February, snow can never be guaranteed.

Centre based holidays	 8 days/5 days riding -	 From £0		Open to non-riders
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


### ITINERARY

## Highlights

- Explore iconic landmarks, including the renowned Bran Castle and the impressive Black Church.
- Deepen your understanding of Romanian history and culture.
- Embark on a potential snow-filled ride through the Carpathian Mountains.
- Experience the thrill of a sledge ride against a picturesque backdrop.


## Day 1 — 1: Home – Bucharest Airport - No riding

 Sinca Noua Guesthouse

Fly to Bucharest airport. Flights are not included but can be arranged upon request. Please book a flight that arrives before 4pm. Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to the accommodation (around 3,5h journey). At the guesthouse, you will be received with a welcome drink and a lovely dinner.

Overnight at Sinca Noua guesthouse.

## Day 2 — 2: Trail riding - 4-6 hours riding

 Sinca Noua Guesthouse

After breakfast, you will go on a short tour of the farm and meet the horses. The morning ride will take you through wide meadows that will allow for some stretches of canters. Enjoy the crisp air of the mountain and (hopefully), the snowy landscape.

Return to the guesthouse for a warm lunch, and relax by the fire place before heading out again. You will spend a few more hours exploring the surroundings of the guesthouse before calling it a day.


In the evenings there is time to relax with a homemade liqueur or brandy in front of the open fire, or you can choose to have a drink at the bar.

Dinner and overnight at Sinca Noua guesthouse.

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## Day 3 — 3: Trail riding - 4-6 hours riding

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 Sinca Noua Guesthouse


Today you will head out on another trail to explore the nearby forests. It's very likely you will cross tracks of red deer and wolves and, with a little luck, you might even spot one!

Return to guesthouse for lunch and head out again to enjoy some more snowy stretches of trot and canter through the Carpathian hills.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 4 — 4: Medieval Villages - No riding

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 Sinca Noua Guesthouse


Today the horses will have a deserved break while you go on to explore Transylvania.

Depending on what the guests decide, you may visit the Bran Castle – also known as the Dracula Castle – and the old towns of Brasov, and Sibiu. If there is time, you may also visit a few other medieval villages of Transylvania.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 5 — 5: Trail riding - 4-6 hours riding

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 Sinca Noua Guesthouse


Today you will get back on horseback, and set off on another riding adventure through the surroundings of Sinca Noua. While riding through the hills and meadows, you may come across some of the inhabitants of the Carpathians.

In the evening, you may watch the short videos about your hosts' conservation projects, and discuss further details with them.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 6 — 6: Trail riding & Sledge ride - 4-6 hours riding

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 Sinca Noua Guesthouse


Today you will ride out through the snowy landscapes of the Carpathians.

Return to the guesthouse to recharge your batteries and enjoy a warm meal. If you wish, in the afternoon, there is the possibility of organising a sledge ride.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 7 — 7: Trail riding - 4-6 hours riding

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 Sinca Noua Guesthouse

Another day spent riding across the idyllic landscapes of Transylvania. You may come across some more lynx and wolf tracks and, if you are lucky, spot these beautiful animals.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 8 — 8: Bucharest – Home - No riding

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After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport. Please book a departure flight leaving after 2pm.

We are currently updating our dates and prices they will be online soon. If you want details of this holiday, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Price details

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No departure for this destination. Please contact our travel advisers for more information.

- Flights or transportation to your destination (international/domestic) are not included, but can be booked on request - please contact us for rates.

- Groups are composed of a minimum of 3 riders and a maximum of 8 international riders, plus guides.

- Rates are per person, based on two riders sharing a twin/double room.

- There is no single supplement if you are willing to share a room with another guest of the same sex. To guarantee your own room there is a single supplement of €122/£105/\$145.

- Scheduled transfers from/to Bucharest airport are included. On the first day, you should land before 4pm, and, on the last day, flights should depart after 3pm. Private transfers can be arranged for €145/£125/\$170, per car, each way. 2026 rate to be confirmed.

- Guests are kindly asked to contribute with a €40 donation to the [CARPATHIA Conservation Project](#)

- Non-riders are welcome and benefit from a special rate (2026):

> Low season (April, May, October): €954/£830/\$1125

> High season (June - September): €1055/£915/\$1245

- Accompanied young riders are welcome from 13 yo, provided they match the riding requirements.

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### Please Note

The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.

The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

## Price includes

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### SUPPORT TEAM

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1 English-speaking horse guide

### LOGISTICS

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1 horse equipped with saddle and bridle per rider

### INLAND TRANSPORT

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Airport transfers (within the schedule)

### ACCOMMODATION

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Double room - guesthouse

### MEALS

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Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 8

All drinks are included, except the ones from the bar

### EXTRAS

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Sightseeing visits mentioned in the itinerary

## Price doesn't include

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### MEALS

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Drinks from the bar and personal extras

## **TRANSPORT**

International flights

## **EXTRAS**

Tips to the local team

Donation to the CARPATHIA Conservation Project

## **INSURANCE**

Visas and personal purchase

Cancellation and travel insurance are not included in the above listed price. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend taking out an insurance policy as soon as your trip is booked to cover you in case of cancellation

## Optional

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### **ACCOMMODATION**

Single room supplement

### **TRANSPORT**

Airport transfers - outside of the regular schedule

### **EXTRAS**

Sleeping bag

## EQUESTRIAN INFO

### Horses

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There are around 40 horses available. They are a mix of Arab and Shagya-Arab, Kisberi, Gidran, and other Hungarian breeds. All horses have a good temperament and are both fit and surefooted.

They range in height from 15hh to 16,2hh.

You will ride different horses throughout the week – between 2-4 different horses.

### Guide & local team

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The local guides are experienced and professional. They are very familiar with all the trails and take great care of the horses and guests. Additionally, they have first aid training.

All guides speak English, while some also speak German and French.

### Minimum riding ability

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#### **MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY**

To take part in this holiday, you must be an intermediate rider or above. You are able to walk, trot and canter on forward going horses, and comfortable riding out in open spaces.

Rider weight limit is 90kg/ 14st/ 198 lbs. If you are over this limit, please contact us.

#### **PACE**

The riding is active with long stretches of trot and canter.

Please note that you may be required to dismount and lead your horse downhill (up to 30 min.).

#### **TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION**

You are responsible for tacking and untacking your horse. You are very welcome to help with grooming as well.

#### **TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE**

You should be comfortable at all three paces.

The terrain is diverse, and includes mountainous sections that may be more challenging.

## EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

Endurance saddles. Saddlebags are provided.

Helmets are mandatory and you should bring your own.

## TRAVEL INFO

### COMFORT

Accommodation is in a guesthouse located in the same property as the stables. The guesthouse has nine en-suite rooms, some of which are suitable for families. On the ground floor, there is a spacious dining room where meals are served. There is a lounge area with a bar and a fireplace so you can relax in the evenings. Wi-Fi is available.

### MEALS

On this holiday, you will experience a variety of Romanian dishes and western cuisine. All meals offer a wide variety of organic produce that are harvested directly from the property's garden. The meat is also organic and locally sourced. Jams, spreads, breads and desserts are home-made.

Special diets can be accommodated. Please let us know in advance.

### CLIMATE

In spring and early summer, temperatures are pleasant (20-25°C). This is a great time to enjoy the spring flowers in full bloom. Summer may get rather hot (especially July/August). Riding hours during these months are often adjusted to avoid the afternoon heat. Autumn is a nice season to visit and enjoy the beautiful fall colours (average temperature of 18°C). The winter is somewhat unpredictable though there is usually a good chance of snow in January/February.

### TIPS

Tipping is common in Romania. We suggest around €40 for the staff for a one-week stay.

### PACKING LIST

**Please pack carefully and sensibly: the following guide is here to give you an idea of what to bring. This list must be adapted depending on the season and individual needs.**

For a full day outdoors in winter, you will need base layers (such as long thermal leggings), warm mid-layers, socks, a scarf or buff, a hat, gloves, and outer layers (jacket and trousers) that protect against wind and water. Remember that natural materials like wool are usually warmer. We recommend that you bring proper winter hiking boots. Riding boots may not be enough to keep you warm.

#### Head

- Helmet
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or scarf

#### Upper body

- T-shirts
- Long sleeved shirts
- Warm fleeces or jumpers (wool/fleece is recommended)
- Warm and waterproof jacket

#### Legs

- Long underpants (to use under riding/casual trousers)
- Riding trousers or jodhpurs - we recommend riding in them at home before taking them on holiday to ensure they don't rub
- Waterproof trousers (to use over riding/casual trousers)
- Casual trousers for the evenings, such as jeans or tracksuit bottoms

#### Hands and Feet

- Winter hiking boots with half chaps
- Winter shoes for non-riding activities (or you can use the same hiking boots as for riding)

- Several pairs of socks (woollen socks are recommended)
- Thin gloves to wear as a first layer
- Waterproof gloves as a second layer

#### Other useful items

- Toiletries
- Bumbag for carrying items whilst riding
- Water bottle
- Ear plugs

#### Medical kit

- Any medication you regularly take
- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc...
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

#### Our Recommendations

- Backpacks cannot be worn whilst riding. We recommend a small bumbag or a coat with pockets so that you can carry small items with you during the day.
- We recommend travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes in your hand luggage - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!
- You should also bring a copy of your passport/insurance in case you lose your documents. You can also save a copy into your mobile phone.